THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Presently no such proposal for Rajasthan is under consideration of the Union Government.

Condition of roads under NHDP

1500. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received *by* Government regarding bad condition of roads under NHDP; and

(b) if so, the numbers thereof and the steps taken by the NHAI for redressal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Complaints have been received regarding bad condition of various roads under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) from time to time. A large number of these complaints were due to damage of roads during heavy rains and poor maintenance owing to non-performance of contractors.

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has taken adequate steps to address this situation which include carrying out urgent repair work, re-surfacing, termination of contract of non-performing contractors and re-awarding the work etc. Provisions have been made in the operation & maintenance contracts to ensure that road is made traffic worthy and serviceable. Flood damage repair is also undertaken as and when required.

Cost of Golden Quadrilateral

1501. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the cost/km of the Golden Quadrilateral and how does it compare with costs in China or Thailand or Malaysia for similar roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): So far, 5640, km of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) has been 4-laned. The cumulative expenditure incurred upto January, 2008 on the entire length is Rs. 27,713.06 crores @ Rs. 4.9136 crore per km. No such comparison of costs in China, Thailand or Malaysia for similar roads has been done.

Four-Laning of NH-42 in Orissa

1502. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to four-lane NH-42, as there has been a spurt in accidents on